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## Boys & Girls Club celebrates Dr. Anthony Norman with Hall of Fame induction

By Seth Daniel

While Anthony Norman was growing up in Chelsea, his path could have gone a number of ways, he said, but with the help of the Jordan Boys & Girls Club – it took him to medical school and the busy life of a physician in the halls of an elite hospital.

Dr. Norman, who was inducted into the Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston Hall of Fame last month, said he was stunned to be in the company of so many accomplished people. At the same time he marveled at how he could have gone the wrong direction while growing up in Chelsea, had it not been for

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PHOTO BY MIKE LAYHE SR.

Police and Fire officials are investigating an unattended death uncovered during a small fire in a third-floor apartment on Chestnut Street Sunday afternoon.

## Man found dead in apartment when Fire Department arrives

By Seth Daniel

The Chelsea Fire and Police Departments are investigating what they have termed an “unattended death” when they found a man in his 80s dead in a Chestnut Street apartment while responding to a fire Sunday.

Fire crews showed up

around 2 p.m. on the third floor of 207 Chestnut St. for an alarm activation for a fire. Fire crews descended on the apartment building and made entry into the apartment.

They quickly put out the fire, but in the process found a man in his 80s dead in the unit.

The cause of death remains under investigation, Police Chief Brian Kyes said.

It wasn't certain if the fire was in any way the cause of the man's death, or if he died of other causes and that caused the fire.

The name of the man has not been released.

## APPRECIATION

# Remembering John “Butch” Brennan, The City of Chelsea’s last mayor

By Cary Shuman

John J. ‘Butch’ Brennan Jr., who served as the last mayor of Chelsea for two terms in 1988 to 1991 before the city went into receivership, died Monday after a lengthy illness. He was 76.

Mr. Brennan symbolized that anything is possible in the arena of politics with the right mix of hard work, integrity, honor, and a belief in oneself that can you help improve the lives of residents with your decisive actions and deeds.

Mr. Brennan was a bartender at Ryan’s Tavern on Fifth Street when he decided to enter Chelsea politics. Friends and bar patrons urged him to run for public office, convinced that the tall, personable, straight-talking common man could help Chelsea become a better city.

Voters responded in record numbers to Mr. Brennan’s candidacy. He topped the ticket twice in alderman-at-large races and then decided to run against incumbent mayor



John J. ‘Butch’ Brennan Jr.

Thomas Nolan in 1987. He won that election and took office in January, 1988, for the first of his two terms in office.

Michael Patrick Brennan, son of John “Butch” Brennan and Kathleen Brennan, was seven years old when his father decided to run for mayor.

“I definitely have some memories of the mayoral campaigns,” said Michael. “His stickers had a black background and Brennan was written in Kelly green.”

Mr. Brennan ran a high-voltage, high-visibility

campaign. The people responded enthusiastically to the towering, 6-foot-4-inch candidate who could relate well to the everyday plight and basic needs of Chelsea residents.

“I remember every Saturday morning holding signs across from the Central Fire Station,” said Michael. “Every day my father would come home from work, eat dinner early and we’d go door to door, knocking on everyone’s door just so he could introduce himself and say that he’s there for the common person. He wanted to listen to what people wanted from a mayor.”

Brennan was answerable and accessible to residents who rallied around him, admiring this new type of politician who was one of them.

“My father would take me to the park to play catch and someone would drive by and get out of their car and say, ‘Mayor Brennan, I’m having a problem with this’ and the next day, my father would try and address it, whether it was

calling the city workers to fix a pothole in front of someone’s house or something else. He just listened and he cared about people and that’s why he was so beloved.”

No matter was too big or too small for Mayor Brennan.

“There was one elderly woman who couldn’t get the newspaper anymore – I remember my father dropping the paper off at her house. He would go out of his way to deliver the newspaper on his way home from work,” said Michael. “That meant the world to her.”

Michael Patrick recalled that his stepbrother, Robert Small, also helped out immensely with their father’s campaigns and during his service as mayor. “He used to go with my dad down to the projects and help residents with their repairs. He’d tell Robert to bring his camera and he’d follow him, take pictures, and document everything.”

Kathleen Brennan, a strikingly elegant first lady of Chelsea, would assist in beautification projects throughout the city. “My mother and dad would drive around town watering the plants at nights,” recalled Michael. “My mother took a lot of pride in that.”

With the city facing difficult financial times,

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## Second Wave

As COVID-19 numbers increase this month, the panic hasn’t returned

By Seth Daniel

Whether it’s raising kids or treating COVID, the second time is always a little bit easier, and as the so-called “second wave” begins to hit the Everett and Chelsea communities – and show up at CHA Everett Hospital – things are much more calm than in the first go-around.

“When people came in last spring, we felt frantic and brought in supplemental oxygen and begged for the oxygen levels to go up and people to be able to breathe,” said Dr. Melisa Lai-Becker, chief of the Emergency Department at CHA Everett. “We didn’t know. Now we know what’s going on. We let them know we’re pretty sure they have COVID and we flip them on their belly and suddenly they’re breathing easier. We know we don’t have to pump the oxygen into them like a fire hose...Everyone is more calm about being able to talk about (treatment)...and what we’re going to be able to do. It’s so nice to have a pre-flight checklist to go over with patients now. I guess we’re just accepting how it can work without engaging in all the psychic drama that it took previously.”

That said, there are

preparations underway for the increased numbers that are coming into the hospital in fits and spurts. Lai-Becker said there will be days when everyone who comes in seems to have COVID-19, and then there will be days when no one has it, followed by another day with heavy cases. It is a trend, she said, and the hospital has spent much of this month re-bolstering their protocols, hiring more staff to prepare and getting plenty of supplies in order.

“There are no major numbers or breakthroughs or setbacks,” she said. “That’s all good and no major explosions either. There is a growth of cases in the community and the positivity rates and we’re admitting more people... However, the other good thing is it’s not an exponential increase of cases either. It’s still big numbers, but at the same time it didn’t double, so that’s good...I guess it’s also just realizing that viruses like the flu love the cold, dry air.”

The differences between the first and second waves has also been dramatic in the age range and the mystery in which how the disease has been con-

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## Financial Impact

Tax increases on two- and three-family homes prompts relief program

By Seth Daniel

The City will use almost \$5 million in Rainy Day Funds to shore up a budget deficit, and City Manager Tom Ambrosino is still requesting the Council use another \$750,000 to help homeowners about to be hit with large property tax increases in the midst of the COVID-19 public health and economic crisis.

Ambrosino gave his annual report to the Council on the potential tax rate setting process, which also reveals the City’s standing

on the tax bill and just how much residents can look forward (or maybe not so forward) to paying in the coming year. The tax rate for all properties is slated to be voted on by the Council Nov. 30.

“There is a large increase in values for two- and three-family homes,” said Ambrosino. “We will try to ameliorate it somewhat...but there will be significant tax increases on these two classes of property owners. There is a small increase for

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The following table summarizes the average changes in Assessed Values:

CLASS	DESCRIPTION	FY21
101	SINGLE FAMILY	8.9%
102	CONDO	6.6%
104	TWO FAMILY	11.2%
105	THREE FAMILY	12.9%
111-112	APARTMENTS 4+	4.1%
300	COMMERCIAL	5.0%
400	INDUSTRIAL	4.1%

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Mayor Brennan tried to convince residents to vote in favor of an override of Proposition 2 ½.

“My father would walk around door to door with this can of coffee,” remembered Michael. “My father’s point was that the cost of the can of coffee is what you’d be paying once a month in taxes and that it would help the school system and he wouldn’t have to lay off firefighters and police officers. But Proposition 2 ½ lost big time. The residents turned it down. They didn’t want to do it. That’s when he reached out to the state to help Chelsea. My father thought that was the way to put the city he loved back on track to recovery after all those years of difficult financial circumstances. He pretty much gave away his job as mayor for the city he loved.”

Michael Patrick graduated from Saint Rose School, Malden Catholic High School, and Stonehill College. He played in the Chelsea Little League and for Jimmy Manzo’s Knickerbockers in the CYBL.

Tall (6-feet, 3 inches) like his father, Michael and his wife, Meghan, have two daughters.

“People still ask me if I’m related to Butch Brennan,” said Michael. “So many people call him a hero. It just makes me so proud. He did a lot for a lot of people. He was respected. It’s different when your son loves you, but when people that aren’t related to you care about you, it just makes you proud.”

**A loving younger brother William “Biff” Brennan**  
William “Biff” Brennan, Chelsea High Class



**Chelsea Mayor John J. Brennan Jr., the First Lady of Chelsea Kathleen Brennan, and their sons, Michael Patrick Brennan (front, left) and Robert Small (back, left).**

of 1971, was nine years the junior to his only brother, John “Butch” Brennan, Chelsea High Class of 1962. He said this past Monday was a difficult day in the Brennan house.

“I really had a bad day when Michael Patrick called me with the news,” said Biff. “But I have a lot of personal friends in life and they’ve been calling and texting me and getting me through it. I appreciate their condolences, but this is a big loss for me.”

Biff recalled that Butch was the best man at his wedding when he married Claudia Nowicki, a popular member of the Chelsea High School Class of 1976. Biff and Claudia have been married for 30 years.

Biff said his brother suffered a heart attack in September, 2019. He recovered and was doing well this summer but his condition deteriorated in the past few months.

“He was a great brother,” said Biff. “He was always there for me. I tried

to be the same for him through the politics and the other things in life.”

The sons of the late John J. Brennan Sr. and Eileen (Ryan) Brennan, Biff Brennan and John J. Brennan Jr. grew up on Walnut Street across from the Williams School.

Biff Brennan took an active role in his brother’s campaigns. “I wrote some of the political advertisements,” said Biff. “My brother never lost an election. He topped the ticket in 1983 and 1985 and won for mayor in 1987 and 1989. Being mayor is a tough job. He tried to do a good job and I think he did.”

Mayor John J. “Butch” Brennan Jr. will always occupy a place of royalty and respect in the annals of Chelsea. He made a tough decision at a pivotal point in the city’s history and the city is now better for it.

Biff Brennan said the family will hold a memorial observance for his brother in the spring of 2021.

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the strong network of his family combined with the great mentors at the Club.

“Truthfully I don’t consider myself ‘the’ smartest person – hardworking for sure,” he said. “I think the Club was a safe haven that taught me hard work and I don’t know how thing would have gone without it. I could have gone other directions that weren’t as fruitful. It isn’t a stretch to say that I might have gone the wrong way. I may not have been fine. It’s why I give high praise to the Club.”

Norman, 27, grew up in Chelsea and attended Our Lady of Grace School, St. Rose School and then went on to BC High School. After that, he went on to Boston College to study Biology and Pre-Med. After a year of clinical research at Brigham & Women’s Hospital, he was able to get a spot in Tufts School of Medicine. After four years there, he graduated and is in his first year as a resident at the University of Virginia – hoping to become a cardio-thoracic surgeon.

He is married to Elyse Diaz-Norman, who hails from New York.

Such terms and accomplishments are so far from Chelsea, but Norman said his ability to achieve them has everything to do with Chelsea – in particular the Club. He said he was introduced to the Jordan Club at the age of 5. His mother, Sylvia Divasta, was looking for a safe place for him to go after school where he would learn and be engaged with good mentors.

It was at that time he met Josh Kraft, who actually gave him the okay to start a little early, Norman laughed.

“I was going to the Club since I was 5 years old, which was before you were supposed to go,” he said. “My mom was looking for a safe after-school program in Chelsea that had good supervision and mentorship. At first it was great for the homework help and a place to go after school, but the later I would go and didn’t want to leave. It really blossomed for me. I went all the way through high school until I left for college.”

Kraft said Norman was the kind of member that exemplified the values of the Club.

“Anthony Norman exemplifies all the values that make Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston such an important part of Boston and Chelsea for the past 130 years: commitment to community, respect and love for all, and thoughtful leadership,” said Kraft, Nicholas President and CEO, Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston.

Michelle Perez Vichot, now at the Central Office for the Club, said she remembers Norman since he was very little.

“I’ve known Anthony and his families since my days at the Chelsea Club,” said Vichot, Executive Vice President, Operations, Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston. “Witnessing his journey from a Club kid to successfully pursuing his dreams with character and grace has been a tremendous source of pride for me.”

Said Gina Centrella, Kraft Family Executive Director, Jordan Boys & Girls Club of Chelsea, “Anthony was an awesome Club member and continues to be a very active alum. As a teen he

was engaged in almost all areas of the Club and was always a dedicated student. He was and still is a great example to younger members by showing that setting goals and working hard pays off.”

As he looked back on his times in preparation for the Hall of Fame induction, Norman said he has grown to appreciate the safe haven the Club offered, as well as the mentorship that he said hasn’t stopped even though he is an adult.

“In my pre-teen years, I had some family dynamic challenges and life challenges,” he said. “There were a couple of mentors who I felt really guided me and I look at that time as a fork in the road and they steered me down the better path...Ultimately that was the biggest factor – the mentoring.”

But it also expanded his horizons, he said, for he and his siblings – who are also very accomplished. He was on the swim team since the age of 11 and was captain two years. He also got involved in the performing arts at the Club, and attended countless field trips to places he wouldn’t have dreamt of going to.

Norman concluded by saying he hasn’t walked the halls of the Jordan Club in many years, but he said it’s a place that is still home.

“It has been a long time since I walked the Club halls and corridors, but I still keep in touch with people that were great role models,” he said. “You’re always a Club kid so to speak. They’ve been life-long mentors and that’s meant the world to me.”

## Voke Park playground construction set to begin

By Cary Shuman

When Paul Nowicki would regularly launch home runs over the secondary fence in left field and on to the tennis and basketball courts at Voke Park, there was no large, playground area beyond the centerfield fence.

There is a playground there now and it will soon be replaced by a beautiful, brand-new, safe, ADA-compliant facility.

Ben Cares, planner and project manager for the Chelsea Department of Housing and Community Development, announced during a public meeting on Zoom Monday night that demolition of the playground’s existing play structures would begin on Monday (Nov. 23) and that the new playground would open in June, 2021. And the grand opening is certainly something grand for the neighborhood to look forward to for next summer.

Cares moderated Monday’s public forum that was also attended by Director of Housing and Community Development Alexander Train, Kaila Bachman, landscape architect for CBA Landscape Architects and contractor for the city on the project, and Bea Cravatta, director of Chelsea Recreation and Cultural Affairs.

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tracted, Lai-Becker said. It is a much younger group of people, and many of them have been doing all the right things for the health protocols, but somehow got sick anyway.

“I want to confirm for people that last spring our hospital was filled with a lot of different populations and Nursing Home populations,” she said. “Now, as we look at the start of winter, it seems like we have plenty of people that are 20 or 30 years old. In the spring, it felt like the 30 or 40 year olds were in the front line essential jobs – like a grocery store cashier...This time there seems to be just enough people saying they don’t know where they got it. It is a bit of a puzzle. Many say they have been doing all the right things for the last six months...It’s not like they attended a 200-person wedding.”

Right now, the hospital is in an enviable position, as they invested in several different testing platforms and ample testing supplies. When people come into the Emergency Room, there is plenty of ability to test people for the traditional flu and COVID-19. That was a testament, she said, to the Laboratory Department at CHA which was very scrappy in securing testing equipment during the surge last spring, and then continuing with that push through the summer so that any second wave wouldn’t come without supplies – including all of the PPE that was missing in the spring at times.

Adding onto that the fact that the hospital has adopted newly-informed COVID precautions that are constantly changing with new discoveries and conditions, and Lai-Becker said the hospital is very safe and fully supplied.

“I believe we hit an inflection point in the summer and still are at that point where it’s safer in the hospital than to go grocery shopping,” she said, “just because of all the precau-

Cares told the audience in his opening remarks that “we’re going to talk about the construction of the Voke Park Playground Renovation Project.”

“Every year the City of Chelsea applies for PARC grant funding which is administered by the [state] Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs,” explained Cares.

The City was successful in obtaining a PARC grant of \$400,000 for the renovation “of a section of Voke Park.” The city is investing \$350,000 in the project.

Cares continued, “For those of you unfamiliar with it, Voke Park is a relatively large park in the City of Chelsea. There are basketball and tennis courts. There is a playground area. There is another smaller tot lot playground and a baseball field as well as a pedestrian pathway. Basically, we’ll be focusing on the playground area itself.”

What are the new installations that residents can expect to see at the playground?

“We will be putting in a splash pad water feature,” said Cares. “We’ll put in a pergola shade structure (similar to a trellis) and placing benches beneath it, which will be situated in the pedestrian plaza area.”

tions everyone around you is taking at the hospital.”

That, of course, is one of the key differences between then and now. The preparations are in place and the experience of the first time around was so valuable that health professionals still maintain a confidence even as cases do go up week after week. That brings about a contentious issue regarding another lockdown or shutdown, something Dr. Lai-Becker said probably isn’t necessary again. Instead of lockdowns, she said it should be more about adjusting to the circumstances as they come – being vigilant and going back to good habits when cases increase.

“Look at the fact that hospitals operate and grocery stores operate and they do it by wearing a mask in the hospital and they wash their hands thoroughly,” she said. “People are still functioning. We’re not shut down. In a hospital people will be able to maintain some perspective. It’s not a shutdown or a lockdown. It’s just adjusting to what precautions we’re taking. We’re going into winter now and viruses love cold, dry air. I don’t know why, but they do, and we should remember that.”

### TESTING PLATFORMS INVESTMENT

One of the great items of readiness marked off on the CHA Everett checklist is the fact that the hospital and the network invested in testing and testing supplies – multiple different kinds and platforms so that a second wave wouldn’t cause the same disruption as the first wave when testing was in short supply.

The Laboratory and Pathology Departments both got on waiting lists for different analyzing systems and testing supplies in the surge, and then took advantage of that place in line when their number was called in the early summer. Then throughout the summer they continued to invest in testing kits to be

Also slated to be part of the playground is a three-bay swing set with an ADA-compliant swing option.

People who enjoy relaxing on a summer day or evening will find ten backless benches situated on the pedestrian pathway that bisects the park and leads to Springvale Avenue to the east and Annese Road to the west.

The new playground is reflective of City Manager Thomas Ambrosino’s commitment to improving recreational spaces city-wide, which was a trademark of Ambrosino’s successful 12-year record as mayor of Revere.

Councilor-at-Large Leo Robinson, who spent much time in his childhood working on his basketball skills at parks such as Polonia, Cary, and Quigley, said “it’s all good” about the Voke Park renovation project.

“Any time we, as a city, can provide wide open and safe recreational areas for our children, it’s a positive development for all members of our community,” said Robinson. “I look forward to being at Voke Park in June when they cut the ribbon and welcome in the neighborhood’s parents and children to enjoy the playground for many years to come.”

ready for any second wave.

It has proven to be a good ally now that more people are arriving in the Emergency Room with COVID symptoms. They can be quickly tested with quick turnarounds – as opposed to the spring when testing had to be done off-site and often delayed due to supply issues.

“We’re very fortunate that our Lab and Pathology Department, they did not want to take any chances of running out of any one type of test,” she said. “We have several different platforms and a couple of different analyzers. That’s been a pretty good boon for us in our supply chain...So it’s been a lot to run all these different types of tests and to have enough agents and supplies and testing kits on hand. We’re positioned well.”

To date, since March CHA has done 81,000 tests and around 4,250 have come back positive.

### COME TO THE HOSPITAL

Dr. Lai-Becker said they are also encouraging people to come to the hospital when they are experiencing non-COVID emergencies – such as chest pains or stomach pains or any other injuries.

She said there was a clear message in the spring to not come to the hospital, but that time has passed and they now want patients to come in if they feel a health issues. Ignoring the emergency visits and even check-ups and follow-up visits can complicate health problems.

She stressed that the hospital is very safe, even with the increase in cases lately.

“If you’re having chest pains, that’s a good reason to come to the hospital,” she said. “If you have belly pain, that’s a good reason to come to the hospital. We really want to encourage people to come to the hospital when they need to. It is safe.”



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singe-families and con-do owners will get a de-crease in tax bills. It is the two-family and three-fam-ily homeowners that will be impacted the most.”

Under the proposed rates, the average tax bill for a two-family will be \$4,629, which is an in-crease of \$442 over last year. Three-family homes would have an average tax bill of \$6,315, which is an increase of \$767 over last year.

Single-family homes would see an increase of \$63 over last year, with an average bill of \$2,705, while condo owners would see a reduction of \$237 from last year with an average bill of \$1,935.

That is happening be-cause property values have skyrocketed in Chel-sea and the surrounding communities – with the values used reflected the 2019 calendar year when sales of homes were on fire.

The average value of a three-family home in-creased by 12.9 percent in the time assessed, and two-families increased by 11.2 percent. Single-fam-ilies increased by 8.9 percent, and condos by 6.6 percent. Meanwhile, larger apartment buildings – which had increased in the double digits last year – were up only 4.1 percent. While such in-creases in values are won-derful if one is selling or borrowing money on their equity, they aren’t such good news when one is staying put and trying to pay increasing bills in a COVID-19 pandemic.

To combat those values and increases, Ambrosino suggested the Council ap-prove the full 35 percent of the owner-occupant residential exemption that is available. Up to now, the City has been slowly increasing the percentage from 25 percent over a five-year period. It wasn’t to hit 35 percent until next year. However, Ambrosi-no said now is the time to unleash all available help to taxpayers.

“This year, given COVID-19, we should take the maximum exemp-

tion and that means taking the remaining 4 percent that is left and using it all this year,” he said.

Typically, tax increas-es have been approached with sympathy, but an understanding that taxes have been going up for a long time. However, with the economic distress put on the City by COVID-19 – from job loss to tenants not paying rent – Am-brosino said there had to be a different approach.

Ambrosino recom-mended the Council use more Rainy Day Funds to help all homeown-ers dispel the increase in taxes through the new Homeowner Stabilization Fund. He said that Fund has \$250,000 in it, but an addition of \$750,000 would put it at \$1 million and would allow a great amount of help.

Other forms of help, he said, would end up help-ing absentee landlords and industrial property owners, and spread thin the help for those most affected. With the Fund, they can target the help.

“The other ways are not the most effective way in my opinion to assist the two- and three-fam-ily homeowners who will suffer from these large tax increases in COVID-19 times,” he said. “What I suggest is we add funds to the existing Homeowner Stabilization Fund.

On Tuesday, the City announced the Homeown-er Stabilization Program application period had been extended to Novem-ber 30.

The City’s finances which had been strong for some time, have suffered greatly under COVID-19. First, excise taxes that are mostly paid in Chelsea by Enterprise Car Rental for its airport activities has plummeted. Last year, the City collected \$12 million in excise tax, but that has been reduced to \$5.4 mil-lion as airport activity has decreased by 90 percent, Ambrosino said.

Hotel/Motel Room Taxes also decreased sig-nificantly, going from \$1.95 million to \$700,000 this year. In all, receipts

across the board were down, and previously they had been growing steadily each year.

Councilor Giovan-ni Recupero said he felt there was a problem with valuations, and with some changes in the Assessor’s Office, he asked for a meeting to talk about the values with them.

“Apartment buildings didn’t go up substantial-ly,” he said. “The last cou-ple of years they didn’t increase as significantly as the two- and three-fam-ilies. It doesn’t make sense. They’re the ones making all the money and they didn’t raise as signifi-cantly.”

Council President Roy Avellaneda agreed that there seemed to be some issues with the values, and he echoed that he wanted to speak with the Asses-sors.

“I want to echo some of the concerns that my col-league has,” he said.

“There are a number of inconsistencies in the property values I saw,” he said. “I don’t think enough work was done to update the values from a couple of years ago to now. Val-ues in certain spots went up, but not in the larger buildings. I don’t see the larger building values go-ing up and I think they should...The best thing we can do is make sure the values are fair to everyone and I want to say the val-ues I saw posted weren’t fair.”

Todd Taylor asked about the Fund and how people would qualify for it, as many people with high incomes on docu-ments have lost their jobs or significant parts of their income. He said a lot of people who have recently been hit with economic pain might be missed with traditional documenta-tion.

Ambrosino said for most of the COVID pro-grams, they have allowed people to self-certify, and they have had no prob-lems.

“Our experience is people have been honest about it,” he said.

DISTRICT UPDATES

•Chelsea Public Schools wants our students to have a way to give back and thank educators. We are looking for students and families to submit Thank Yous in whichever medi-um they choose over the next 12 days. We will then share these Thank Yous each day leading up to the December break. Educa-tors (can be teachers, pa-ras, support staff) who are mentioned in these Thank Yous will be entered in a Holiday Raffle. Winners will be announced in the Superintendent’s Holiday/Vacation Message before we go out for December break.

HOOKS SCHOOL UPDATES

•In Ms. Johnsons’s first grade class, we have been learning about communi-ties during our comprehen-sion block. We have been using PebbleGo, GetEpic, and other resources to re-search important jobs in our community. In honor of Veteran’s Day and our community unit coming to an end, we experienced a Zoom Field Trip with a visit from (S)Sgt Trites from the United States Airforce. We asked and answered questions about the military and learned how people in the military are important members in our community. Thank you for visiting our class (S)Sgt Trites!

KELLY SCHOOL UPDATES

•Students at the Kelly School have been growing their language skills by using Imagine Learning -- and Caminos scholars are also using Imagine Es-pañol to grow their Span-ish skills too! We’re excit-ed to see that kids’ time and effort is already paying off with measurable progress! Special shout-out to our 2nd grade students and teachers for their consis-tency and growth!

•Last Friday, Kelly the Dolphin visited Sra. Cu-sick’s 1st grade Caminos class to celebrate kids’ Imagine Learning and Imagine Español usage

SCHOOL UPDATES



On Wednesday, Teachers, CHS Students, other staff, and their families gathered together to help put together Art Kits for students in the District K-12. The set up was social-ly distant and safe.

and to answer students’ questions about what dol-phins like to eat, how they like to play, and wheth-er dolphins have to wear masks like people do.

SOKOLOWSKI UPDATES

The 1st Grade is fin-ishing up their Communi-ty Unit. In order to bring learning to life, they invit-ed Firefighter Omar for a live fire safety presenta-tion and quick tour around the fire station. The first graders were so excited, we could feel the heat through the screen!

CHELSEA OPPORTUNITY ACADEMY UPDATES

•Shout out to teachers Jillian Jacobs and Alvin Rivera who adopted and modified new courses for math and social studies, “You Auto Know” and “Voting Rights”.

These courses were de-veloped by COA partner SpringPoint with support from the Barr Foundation. The courses form part of a series of Transforma-tive Learning Experiences (TLE) that focus on rigor and relevance. Last year teacher Christian Kelly successfully kicked off the first TLE, “Gentrification in Chelsea.”

•COA alumni are apply-ing to a new position sup-ported by the DESE Mass-Grad grant as Dropout Prevention Specialists.

We are super excited to bring these opportuni-ties to our graduates.

CHELSEA HIGH SCHOOL UPDATES

•Every year, the CHS Concert Band and Cantare perform for our hometown heroes, the veterans of the Chelsea Soldiers’ Home, in observance of Veter-ans’ Day. The highlight of this annual ceremony is the playing of “American Heroes,” which is a piece that features both the Con-cert Band and Cantare per-forming all of the hymns from each branch of our armed forces. Upon hear-ing their hymn played, the veterans, many of whom are in wheelchairs or hos-pital beds, rise to attention. Although our ensembles were unable to directly perform for our veterans this year, they created a virtual concert for the brave men and women of the Chelsea Soldiers’ Home. The concert can be viewed here:

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## VACCINES ARE COMING, BUT WE STILL HAVE A DUTY TO STOP THE SPREAD

The announcements in the past week that two vaccines have been shown to be remarkably effective in providing immunization against the coronavirus have given our nation hope that the pandemic might be brought under control.

Finally, there is a light at the end of the tunnel. However, with 250,000 Americans already dead from the virus and the holiday season approaching, this is no time for any of us to let our guard down. The virus does not take a holiday and is spreading like wildfire across the country, leading even Republican governors to issue mask mandates and resulting in additional shut-downs of businesses that already were on the edge of permanent closure.

It is estimated that if we do not wear masks and maintain physical separation, at least 250,000 more Americans will be dead in the coming months.

Hospitals and healthcare workers already are stretched to the limit in many states. If the pandemic is allowed to spread further, there will be a total breakdown in the American healthcare system, endangering the lives not only of healthcare employees and coronavirus patients, but anybody else who needs hospitalization from accidents, heart attacks, strokes, and cancer.

In addition, we would note that even for those who recover from the coronavirus, there can be lasting damage to the heart, lungs, and other organs.

We urge all of our readers to listen to the warnings and directives of our public health officials and to consider how we can spend the holiday season with our loved ones in a safe setting, if at all.

A small wedding in Maine in August was linked to 178 COVID cases and eight deaths -- and none of those who died attended the wedding.

Our government leaders can urge us to protect ourselves and others, but COVID-19 safety this holiday season ultimately comes down to each and every American assuming personal responsibility to observe and obey the rules.

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# Forum



### LETTER to the Editor

#### DON'T PASS AMENDMENT NUMBER 759

To the Editor,

The Catholic Church teaches that life itself starts at conception and ends with natural death.

The Massachusetts state legislature is currently debating the annual budget to fund state government for the balance of the fiscal year. As part of that process many amendments are filed for consideration. House amendment number 759 will be considered by the full House in the coming days. This amendment would expand abortion access in the Commonwealth well beyond what is enshrined in state law.

While we acknowledge the amendment addresses some concerns that were raised about the deeply troubling provisions of the ROE legislation, the fact remains that abortion would remain an option under certain circumstances for the full term of the pregnancy. That fact alone is in direct conflict with Catholic teaching and must be opposed.

In addition, current law requires a young woman under the age of 18 years old to gain the consent of a parent, guardian or the court to have an abortion. The amendment under consideration would decrease the age of consent to 16 years old. In its simplest terms, a 16 or 17 year old girl would be deprived of the guidance and support of an adult at the time of making this life changing decision.

Finally, although life-supporting equipment would be required to be in the room for abortions performed after 24 weeks, the specific language in the amendment is nuanced enough that the physician would not be required to use the equipment. Specifically, it would "enable" the physician performing the abortion to take appropriate steps, in keeping with good medical practice....to preserve the life and health of a live birth and the patient.

For these reasons we urge the full House of Representatives not to pass amendment number 759.

#### HISTORY IS WATCHING

To the Editor:

The Chelsea Ward 2 Democrats recently sent this letter to leaders of the Massachusetts state and local Republican Committees. We call on them to immediately accept the results of the election.

We are sure you agree that by all measures the election was a rousing success: record turnout, no substantiated claims of fraud or irregularities, and surprisingly few hiccups in light of all the changes made necessary by the pandemic. Although President-Elect Biden and Vice President-Elect Harris ultimately won the popular vote and electoral college, it is clear Republicans have much to be proud of: picking up seats in the House, losing relatively few in the Senate, and earning the second highest number of votes in history. As proud as we are of our victories, we congratulate you for yours.

However, the most important win of all—the victory of our democratic system during these difficult times—is now at risk. Since before the election, Donald Trump has made it clear he does not consider the peaceful transfer of power to be his responsibility. Indeed, he went so far as to claim the only outcome of a free and fair election would be for him to be declared a winner. As party leaders, we trust you do not need to be told that elected leaders do not appoint themselves. We voters decide. Though our electoral system is unique among democracies, it has served our country without major incident—until now.

Not only does Donald Trump refuse to concede the election, he has doubled-down with a series of baseless allegations and conspiracy theories notably absent of specifics or evidence.

Normally, one would expect the president's party to roundly condemn such behavior. But instead, the Republican Party has supported it, holding slapdash press conferences and calling on election officials in its own party to resign. Texas Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick has gone so far as to offer up to \$1 million out of his own campaign to those who provide evidence of election fraud. One has to wonder, if reports of fraud are so numerous and egregious, why buy them?

And while claims from the Trump campaign and administration of irregular-

ities and fraud have come at a dizzying speed, they have been dismissed and debunked just as quickly in the courts.

The Trump campaign's claim that that Republican poll observers were denied the ability to observe the ballot counting in Pennsylvania was shown to be baseless when attorneys for the Trump campaign had to admit—under threat of sanction by the court—that Republican observers were, in fact, present. In Arizona, the Republican's lawsuit was so feeble they requested evidence be placed under seal, lest the public realize what a sham it has been all along. Your party's concerns were concocted wholesale to begin with, but they were addressed all the same. Drop them.

Particularly galling is the insult to hard-working Americans implied by the Republican Party. The Party has styled itself as the voice of the working class. Yet, this year, when we have discovered the quiet heroism of the truck driver, grocery store clerk, nurse, and nursing home worker who have bravely worked through the pandemic, Republicans dare to claim these very people have been the perpetrators of fraud and negligence at polling places across the country. It is difficult to imagine how you could hold these Americans—the hard-working, civically-minded volunteers who served as poll workers and ballot counters—in such contempt. Never mind the voter.

We all know this is no way to run a democracy. The people have spoken. It was a hard-fought election, and in some states, the count was close. But the voters' will is clear: the American people have had it with the erosion of democratic norms, the chaos, and deadly incompetence this administration has brought upon it. Throughout our history when a candidate loses, the candidate concedes, and the candidate leaves.

However, your party continues to call our democratic form of government into doubt. Not with evidence, and rarely even with specific claims. Rather, they are couched in the language of innuendo and conspiracy. The "just say-in'" type of smear that is easily backed away from when confronted with reason and decency.

This is the coward's gambit, and we call on it to stop.

These antics threaten

our democratic system and risk a delayed transition. In a time of a poorly managed pandemic, economic collapse, and international rivals eager to capitalize on the chaos the current administration has wrought, our country cannot afford to indulge in partisan fever dreams.

We applaud Governor Baker's principled denunciation of these White House stall tactics. We call on all Republicans to immediately do the same.

We call on Republicans to hold their leaders accountable. To remind them that no political party matters absent democracy, and a leader who undermines it and his oath to protect the constitution is not one worth the lying and subterfuge he demands of you—even if he does happen to share your party affiliation.

To individual registered Republicans and independents: All of us have had friends and loved ones who have registered and voted Republican. We have known them to be community-minded, hard-working, and loving individuals. Although we may have had policy disagreements, we have known them to be fair and decent people. We know that is likely true of you, as well.

Like so many, you may be considering leaving the Republican party due to its cruel, xenophobic, incompetent turn. Our hope is that the Republican party will again rise to the call to govern, rather than blindly pursue its own power. If it does not, we call on you to consider if this is the party for you. As we all know, you are the company you keep. And when a party behaves the way this party has, harms the country the way it has, and now threatens our democracy the way that it is, it reflects poorly on all who associate with it.

If you find our platform appealing, we invite you. We also recognize your beliefs might differ, and our party might not be right for you. We do not believe a one-party system to be best for the country, and we urge you to consider joining or forming third party alternatives if ours does not suit you. We believe America is at its best when those with differing views come together to collaborate, cooperate, and legislate. We need a party willing to engage in these differences honestly and in good faith. We are losing confidence that the current Republican Party will be able to. Perhaps it



# Mary D'Eon seeks United National Miss pageant title

By Cary Shuman

Mary Elizabeth D'Eon will be celebrating Thanksgiving in Orlando next week. The talented 16-year-old Saugus High senior is traveling to Florida to compete in the United National Miss Scholarship Pageant.

Accompanying Mary on the journey will be her mother, Chelsea High School 1983 graduate Phyllis Scalia-D'Eon. Long-time Chelsea residents will instantly recognize the name Scalia: Phyllis' mother is the late Mary Scalia, who helped so many residents through her service to the community.

Mary is carrying on the Scalia family's tradition of community service. In fact, the United National Miss program "encourages leadership through service."

**Success on the pageant scene**

Mary D'Eon is the reigning Miss New England Teen, having claimed that title in February in Springfield. That achievement earned her a spot in the United Nation-



Mary D'Eon, daughter of former Chelsea resident Phyllis Scalia-Deon and Rick D'Eon, will be competing in the United National Miss Pageant next week in Orlando, Florida.

al Miss with other state winners. Mary has won ten titles since entering her first pageant at the age of eight.

At the United National Pageant, Mary will participate in evening gown, runway, and talent competitions. She will be singing "No Good Deed" from "Wicked The Musical." The finals will be held on Nov. 27.

"I'm very excited about this pageant," said Mary, the former USA Junior Ambassador national winner. "It's always fun making friends and meeting

other girls from all over the United States. I'm actually looking forward to meeting the New York contestants because I hope to attend college there. I've been looking at Pace University and Juilliard because I want to major in musical theater."

**Busy with school, community activities**

Though she is studying remotely away from the brand-new Saugus High School, Mary has taken part in a number of extracurricular activities. She does social media, sings, and choreographs for the Saugus Sachines, an a cappella group.

She also dances at The Studio Dance Complex in Revere under the direction of co-founder Kris Testa.

Mary said she takes pride in her community service endeavors. She helps out at the PACE Senior Center in Lynn. She placed flags to honor the victims of the opioid crisis at an event in Natick. During the pandemic, she distributed baked goods to friends as part of a "Sweet Treats" program. She will be organizing a coat drive in January.

"I'm immensely proud of Mary," said Phyllis Scalia-Deon. "She's just beautiful on the outside, but she's beautiful with her huge heart. She's a great friend. I always compare her to The Cowardly Lion because she's got so much courage. The things that she does and the talent that she has, and how she shares it with everybody, it's astonishing to me. I couldn't have been blessed with more of a gift than her."

Mary is grateful for her parents Phyllis and Rick's support and encouragement in her pageant career. "They've always been supportive of everything that I've done. And my older brother [Joshua, a 2020 graduate of Salem State University who works as a personal trainer] has been super supportive as well."

She said being a contestant in pageants has been a positive experience in her life. "Pageants have always really made me very confident in myself," said Mary. "My parents always say that I've been on more interviews than they have because of pageants. It gives me more of a platform to share positive messages to people."

Mary noted that the United National Miss Pageant's message this year is Crown Cares, "which is creating a respectful environment in school."

"When I return to school, I want to work



Miss New England Teen Mary D'Eon

with middle school and elementary school students and bring a positive message about treating everyone respectfully," said Mary.

Well said.

(Information from United National Miss was used in the compilation of this story).

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will come around once the Biden-Harris administration is inaugurated. If so, we would be relieved. If not, we invite you to consider your options, and the role you wish to play in history.

We close by reminding Republican leaders that the world is watching. History is watching. On January 20, Joe Biden and Kamala Harris will be inaugurated. Whether you spend these few short weeks cooking up new fantasies and conspiracies or attending to

the needs of Americans is entirely up to you. The health of our democracy, however, is not. Decent Americans will protect it. We will protect it. We call on you to put an end to the chaos, stop your campaign of deceit and delusion, and return to the democratic norms that have served our country so well for centuries. Democracy and decency demand you do so immediately.

It is time for Donald Trump to step aside and allow for the peaceful tran-

sition of power. Our public health, economic well-being, and national security depend on it, as does the health of our democracy.

Sincerely,

**Gary DeYoung**  
Treasurer  
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The Broadway bus lane is a key component of the MBTA's Rapid Response Bus Lane Program. The Rapid Response Bus Lane Program is a transformative MBTA-municipal collaboration aimed at improving service reliability in order to better social distancing measures for MBTA riders and operators on the system's busiest routes in the wake of the pandemic. Bus lanes can reduce crowding on buses and also limit the amount of time riders spend in close proximity to others while on the bus. In some cases, bus lanes can improve service frequency to further mitigate crowded conditions.

"This important step to make public bus transportation more efficient represents not only a victory for MBTA customers in Chelsea but also the power of quick-build Shared Streets and Spaces projects," said MassDOT Secretary and CEO Stephanie Pollack. "MassDOT is pleased to be partnering with the MBTA, the City of Chelsea, and the advocate community on this project, and looks forward to funding more bus lanes elsewhere through the ongoing Shared Streets and Spaces program."

"Improving bus service reliability for Chelsea has been a top priority for the MBTA in the wake of the pandemic," said MBTA General Manager Steve Poftak. "In addition to these enhancements, we have been working closely with the City of Boston to construct an all-day, outbound bus lane on North Washington Street to ensure that routes like the 111 can get to and from Haymarket Station as quickly as possible."

"Chelsea residents depend on MBTA buses every day of the week for transit to work, for travel to the grocery store, and for accessing critical services," said City of Chelsea City Manager Thomas G. Ambrosino. "Enhancing this bus service directly and positively impacts the health and well-being of all Chelsea residents, including many essential workers, by reducing delays and overcrowding along these important routes."

"We are seeing bus/bike lanes successfully implemented across the region as a tool to prioritize bus riders, reduce delays, improve bus reliability, and protect bike riders," said Associate Executive Director of GreenRoots Maria Belen Power. "The vast majority of Chelsea residents rely on buses on a daily basis and today we are excited to prioritize Chelsea riders with our first bus lane on



The new all-day bus-only lane, bike lane, and pedestrian improvements on Broadway from City Hall Plaza to 3rd Street.

Broadway. We know bike safety is also an important part of the strategy and we want to make sure bike riders feel safe and prioritized!"

The bus lane directly benefits several critical MBTA routes that have had above-average ridership since Governor Baker declared a state of emergency in March. On average, approximately 8 percent of current MBTA bus riders are transported each weekday by the four routes impacted by this bus lane. Based on pre-pandemic ridership data, this third-of-a-mile-long bus lane could one day benefit as many as 24,000 riders.

Construction crews in-

stalling bus lane markings on Broadway in Chelsea in October 2020.

Project components include:

An all-day bus-bike lane along Broadway (and a segment of Washington Avenue) from Chelsea City Hall Plaza to 3rd Street;

A bike lane along Broadway from Everett Avenue to Williams Street with design funded by the MBTA and construction funded by MassDOT's Shared Streets and Spaces grant program; and

Pedestrian safety and bus stop accessibility improvements at Bellingham Square, Broadway and 4th Street, and Broadway and 3rd Street.

The MBTA's Rapid Response Bus Lane Program is based on close partnerships with state and municipal roadway owners, and other projects that have been completed already or are slated for completion this fall include Sweetser Circle, Broadway (outbound), and Main Street in Everett; Broadway (inbound) in Revere; North Washington Street in Boston from Cross Street to Causeway Street; and along Washington Street in Somerville. Design for these projects is supported by the MBTA's on-call design contracts with implementation predominantly funded by the MBTA with assistance from each mu-

nicipality.

The MBTA's Transit Priority Group was created in 2019 with support from the Barr Foundation to further bus priority projects around the region. Since its creation last year, the group has partnered with municipalities to implement nearly four miles of dedicated bus lanes, alongside transit signal priority and other speed and reliability improvements.

For more information, please visit [www.mbtacom/buspriority](http://www.mbtacom/buspriority) or connect with the T on Twitter @MBTA, Facebook /TheMBTA, or Instagram @MBTApics.

*The Brown Jug will once again be doing a Christmas Toy Drive for Children in our community. We will be donating the toys to the Salvation Army of Chelsea. Please consider participating in this fun and rewarding event. Please bring an unopened/unwrapped toy for a boy or girl between Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> and Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> and receive a single topping pizza for \$5<sup>00</sup>. Thank You so much for your help.*

*Seasons Greetings*

*Mike, Cheryl, & Michael Matrisko*

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## POLICE Briefs

BY SETH DANIEL

### INDECENT ASSAULTS IN BOSTON

At about 2 p.m. on Friday November 13, Boston Police officers assigned to District A-1 (Downtown) arrested Fitsum Teklehaimanot, 28, of Chelsea, in the area of 170 Tremont Street in Boston as part of an ongoing investigation currently being led and

coordinated by the BPD Sexual Assault Unit. At the time of his arrest, the suspect was wanted in connection to two separate indecent assault and battery cases involving three adult female victims in the Downtown Boston area which occurred on Nov. 13. The suspect will face arraignment on three

### FRUADULEANT LETTERS

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Dr. Galpin actually credits his own incurable condition for giving him the focus that made him so passionate in his research. His story leaves us with two of the most contagious messages we know. Don't give up, and remember to give back. If Dr. Galpin's story inspires just one more person to make a difference, then its telling here has been well worth while.

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of contracting COVID, a disease that is far more deadly to seniors, coupled with the inability to stay open past 9:30 p.m. for the late night bar crowd was the proverbial straw that broke the camel’s back.

“Senior citizens — they’re not going out,” he said, adding. “I have a few employees concerned about being so close to people all the time. I feel bad for my employees, most have been here forever. But it’s COVID, COVID, COVID.”

In 1924, Jeveli’s grandfather Pasquale opened Jeveli’s. At the time it only seated about 30 people but the restaurant was a success.

In 1943, after Pasquale passed away, his son Armando took over the restaurant and after his death in 1957 Jeveli’s father Ted became the owner of the family business.

It was under Ted that the restaurant began to expand with the addition of the “The Mediterranean Room” that added 120 seats to the restaurant. In 1982, Ted would build another dining room simply called the “New Room” which would add 75 more seats to Jeveli’s.

In 1987, Ted retired and Eric Jeveli took over day to day management of the restaurant.

Jeveli’s most memorable achievement was when he had the honor and pleasure of personally cooking for President Clinton and over 70 of his staff in 1997.

After the President’s visit, Jeveli transformed the “New Room” into the “Presidential Room.”

## YMCA RECEIVES FUNDS FOR FOOD PROGRAM

LYNN - As part of the fourth round of the new \$36 million Food Security Infrastructure Grant Program from Governor Baker, the Lynn YMCA of Metro North has been awarded \$130,000 to ensure that individuals and families have equitable access to healthy, local food. This round of the grant includes 47 awards totaling nearly \$6 million to fund critical investments in technology, equipment, capacity, and other assistance that will help local food producers, especially with distribution in food insecure communities.

The funding will enable the YMCA of Metro North to purchase a refrigerated van to deliver meals, distribute food donations and service supplies, obtain equipment to increase capacity at several Y locations, and create cafeteria space to serve food at the Lynn YMCA.

“Food insecurity was on the rise before the pandemic hit. More partnership and funding for nutrition programs are vital as families continue to struggle in the long road to recovery ahead,” says Andrea Baez, Senior Branch Executive of the Lynn YMCA. “The Lynn Delegation has been a crucial ally in helping us expand our food distribution efforts, especially to children who need a safe place to find a meal when they are not in school.”

“These funds will ensure that the Lynn YMCA has the necessary infrastructure to distribute food and help keep the community healthy throughout the pandemic,” said Senator Brendan Crighton. “Right now it is more important than ever to work together to ensure that

individuals and families across the Commonwealth have equitable access to nutritious meals.”

“I would like to commend the Lynn YMCA and staff for their commitment to the people of the greater Lynn area,” said Representative Dan Cahill. “Their efforts of helping those who need it the most in this difficult time will keep children and seniors from going hungry.”

“This grant will go a long way in helping address food insecurity among our communities’ most vulnerable,” said Representative Pete Capano.

“Too many people in Massachusetts are struggling to make ends meet, and the pandemic has made those challenges much worse. I’m grateful to see the Lynn YMCA receive these critical funds to fight hunger locally as we continue to fight the pandemic into the winter. Too many children and families are going hungry, and that is unacceptable in a state like ours. These funds will go a long way to help people in Greater Lynn feed themselves and their families,” said Representative Lori Ehrlich.

“This grant of \$130,000 couldn’t have gone to a better organized then the Lynn YMCA,” said Representative Wong. “The grant will help the Lynn YMCA to distribute more food to more people in our community. With COVID-19 and the winter coming, our community welcomes this grant. This is just one example of the State working hand in hand with local communities.”

Applicants were evaluated based on equity, economic impact and need, sustainability and scalability of efforts, and ability to support producer readiness to accept SNAP and HIP benefits. Groups that were eligible included organizations that were part of the Massachusetts local food system, including production, processing and distribution, emergency food distribution networks, Buy Local, community and food organizations, school meal programming, urban farms and community gardens, non-profits, and organizations that provide business planning, technical assistance and information technology services.

The Request for Responses for applications closed on September 15, 2020 but applications that were submitted before the proposal deadline will be considered for future rounds of funding.

## COUNCIL HONORS VINCENT

REVERE - It would be an all-time testimonial dinner, a capacity-crowd tribute to her many years of service to Revere residents on Beacon Hill, the last six-and-half years as state representative for Revere, Chelsea, and Saugus.

RoseLee Vincent is retiring from her elected position in the House of Representatives after working as the chief of staff for the late former Mayor and State Rep. William Reinstein and his daughter, Kathi Ann Reinstein, who succeeded her father in the position. Councilor-at-Large Jessica Giannino, whom Vincent endorsed, was elected to the seat on Nov. 3.

With coronavirus cases surging, Revere’s cit-

izenry will not be able to salute Vincent at a large-scale public gathering at this time.

Last week, the City Council voted unanimously to present a Certificate of Commendation to Vincent on the occasion of her retirement. Councilors praised Vincent, one of the city’s most well-known and admired residents, while others said they will save their farewell remarks for the popular legislator when the presentation is officially made to her.

We can count on a prolonged standing ovation for Rep. RoseLee Vincent when that historic moment arrives inside the Council Chambers and broadcast live on Revere TV.

## SCHOOL OFFICIALS REVIEW FINANCIALS

REVERE - At the last Revere Public School Committees Ways and Means subcommittee meeting members discussed the first quarter financial report that includes the first three months of the current fiscal year.

According to the report presented by RPS Chief Financial Officer Matthew Kruse, Revere has an operating budget of over \$94 million with \$25 million expended so far for the current fiscal year.

With an available balance of \$68.8 million Kruse said things are looking pretty good for FY2021.

“The most useful part of this report is to look and see if anything has already entered into a deficit or are they all tracking with surplus balances,” said Kruse. “When you look through the detailed pages and line items there is only one red line item that stands out.”

Kruse said the sole red line item was due to early retirement incentives RPS gave to staff that were nearing retirement. RPS offered early retirement due to the COVID-19 pandemic and a number of staff took advantage of the offer.

“This resulted in a \$37,000 deficit but it is not a big one,” said Kruse.

Going forward, Kruse said, RPS will look at any surplus in other areas that can flow to help cover the deficit in the retirement accounts.

In other areas RPS has spent \$697,666 for administrative costs out of a \$2.6 million budget.

Instructional services totaled \$6.75 million in the first quarter of FY2021 out of a budget of \$57.4 million and other student services have cost \$3.94 million so far from a budget of around \$10 million.

Operation of plant and maintenance has cost RPS \$3.68 million in the first three months of FY2021 out of a budget of \$9.2 million.

Employee benefits and insurance has totaled \$168,441 so far out of a budget of \$751,500 for the fiscal year.

Civic activities and community service have cost the schools \$15,692 out of a budget of \$39,783 over the first three months of the fiscal year.

There’s a \$832,294 budget for school improvements but none of that money has been spent thus far for FY2021.

Revere has spent \$10 million through programs with other schools out of a budget of \$13.1 million.

RPS is also expected

to receive two grants due to the COVID-19 pandemic that can be used to help any foreseeable deficits as Revere moves into the second quarter of FY2021. One grant will be \$1.6 million and the other will be for \$2 million. The \$2 million grant would need to be spent by the end of December according to RPS Superintendent Dianne Kelly.

Kruse said there will also be a “Carry Forward” allocation of roughly \$7.92 million left over from FY2020. This money will be added to the budget during the second quarter of FY2021. Kruse said RPS is on target to release a report on where the money will be allocated at a School Committee meeting in November.

## NEW DOG PARK PLANNED

WINTHROP - While COVID was at the forefront of everyone’s minds at last week’s meeting of Town Council, councilors also discussed a number of other issues impacting the community, including a new dog park, the Center Business District project, and new tennis courts.

### Election Day

A member of the public wrote in to thank the town clerk’s office for realizing a flawless election on Nov. 3. Council President Phil Boncore publicly thanked

Town Clerk Joanne DeMato.

“She was short-handed, but her staff did a fantastic job,” he said. “Winthrop had its results by 11pm on election day, even while the rest of the country waited days.”

### Dog Park

Winthrop is about to get a much needed dog park, with help from the Winthrop Foundation. The Dog Park Finance Committee has been looking at potential sites for years, and finally settled on a site on Veterans Road. The cost to build the park will be \$125,000, of which the Winthrop Foundation is contributing \$100,000. This means the town only has to come up with the remaining \$25,000. Council voted unanimously to approve the funding.

### Center Business District

Work continues on the Center Business District (CBD) project. Currently the project is on schedule and is expected to wrap up for the 2020 season on Dec. 15. The water and sewer mains have been installed, and drainage is now being completed. Starting in the spring, surface-level changes like sidewalks will be finalized. Department of Public Works Director Steve Calla said he hopes the project will be fully finished by the end of 2021.

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### Tennis Courts

The School Building Assistance Committee and the Miller Field Committee held a joint meeting to discuss the future of the Winthrop High School tennis courts. The courts are used primarily by the schools, but are also open to the public. A \$1.5 million project will include replacing the existing four courts with brand new ones, as well as improving the sidewalks and parking in the area. Parking will be increased from 41 to 47 spots. Council Vice President James Letterie said that the facility will be “state of the art” with “increased accessibility and safety.” Demolition and construction is slated for the beginning of next year, to be finished by the end of the summer. In the meantime, teams will practice at the Ingleside Park tennis courts.

### Public Safety Building

The Finance Committee and the Capital Assets Committee held a joint meeting to discuss the creation of a possible public safety building, which would house both the Winthrop Fire Department and the Winthrop Police Department. A slideshow was presented to demonstrate the conceptual design options currently being considered.

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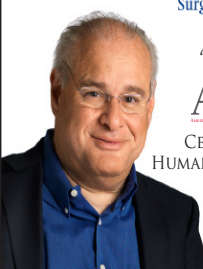
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Dr. Galpin actually credits his own incurable condition for giving him the focus that made him so passionate in his research. His story leaves us with two of the most contagious messages we know. Don't give up, and remember to give back. If Dr. Galpin's story inspires just one more person to make a difference, then its telling here has been well worth while.



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## CHELSEA HOUSING AUTHORITY

## GROUNDSDKEEPER/CUSTODIAN

**JOB DESCRIPTION:** Hiring a Permanent Full Time employee to join the Chelsea Housing Authority team as Groundskeeper / Custodian. Work involves the performance of routine duties in connection with the exterior maintenance of lawns, trees, shrubs, flower beds, walks, roadways, parking lots, and etc.; the interior custodial maintenance of floors, walls, ceilings, windows and etc. in offices, public areas and apartments; and performs minor maintenance repairs and painting repairs. He/she will be required to lift and carry heavy objects, to work outdoors in all types of adverse weather conditions. This permanent Full time position is unionized.

**Responsibilities:**

1. Work in a professional and courteous manner within a service environment.
2. Perform preventive ground keeping and custodial procedures.
3. Perform vacant residential custodial preparation.
4. Document information required maintaining records on preventive maintenance programs, repairs, installations, and stock utilization and working orders.
5. Be proficient with hand and power tools.
6. Report to work in emergency conditions.
7. When necessary works under adverse conditions, shovels snow and lifts heavy objects.
8. Perform all other related duties that may be assigned.

**Skills:**

1. Knowledge of grounds keeping and custodial cleaning preferred.
2. Knowledge of the proper use of chemicals, fertilizers, and pesticides.
3. Knowledge of occupational hazards and safety measures.
4. Ability to understand and carry out oral and written instructions.
5. Ability to maintain acceptable working relationship with co-workers.
6. Ability to work in adverse conditions, such as: sleet, snow, heat, cold, dust and dirt, as well as cramped quarters and high places.
7. Ability to lift heavy objects.
8. Knowledgeable and skilled in preforming various painting task
9. Knowledgeable and skilled in preforming various carpentry task

**Minimum Qualifications:** High schools graduate with at least one-year of full time, or equivalent part-time experience in building custodial and grounds keeping. Possess a valid Massachusetts class D driver's license.


**Pay & Benefits:** Starting hourly rate in accordance with the provision of M.G.L ch.121B, s 29 of the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development. (Full benefits package includes medical, dental, sick & vacation)

Please submit your resume to employment@chelseaha.com or in person at 54 Locke Street Chelsea, MA 02150 by December 3, 2020 or until position is filled




LEGAL NOTICES


LEGAL NOTICE



**CITY OF CHELSEA**  
**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**INVITATION FOR BIDS**  
Purchase and Installation of Drinking Fountains - Various Schools  
The City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, through its Chief Procurement Officer, is seeking Bids for marked "Purchase and Installation of Drinking Fountains - Various Schools".  
Invitation for Bids will be available on or after November 12, 2020 by contacting Dylan Cook, School Business Manager at dcook@chelseama.gov or by visiting the City's website at <http://www.chelseama.gov/purchasing/pages/current-bids-solicitations>.  
Proposals must be sealed and clearly marked "Purchase and Installation of Drinking Fountains - Various Schools" and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer no later than 11:30 AM on November 30, 2020.  
The City of Chelsea reserves the right to accept any proposal, to reject any or all proposals and to waive minor irregularities and/or formalities as it deems to be in the best interest of the City.  
In accordance with our Minority Business Enterprise Plan, we are inviting all qualified women and minority business firms to respond.  
The City of Chelsea is an Equal Opportunity Employer.  
This Request for Proposals is in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 149. General bidders must be certified by the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) in the following category of work - Plumbing and must submit a current DCAMM Certificate of Eligibility and signed DCAMM Prime Update Statement (Form CQ 3).  
Dylan Cook  
School Business Manager  
11/19/20




**CITY OF CHELSEA**  
**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
In accordance with Section 134 of Chapter 164 of the Massachusetts General Laws, notice is hereby provided of a public hearing to be held on December 1 at 6:00 PM via Zoom Video Conference regarding the City of Chelsea's draft Municipal Electricity Aggregation Plan.  
The public is invited to attend and to be heard. Anyone who would like to participate or submit questions should email Fidel Maltez at fmaltez@chelseama.gov by noon on December 1.  
The hearing will also be also live streamed on the City Facebook page and on Channel 22. The Plan will remain available for public review and comment until December 22, 2020. Comments can be submitted via email to Fidel Maltez at fmaltez@chelseama.gov or via U.S. mail to Fidel Maltez, Commissioner, Department of Public Works, Room 310, Chelsea City Hall, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA 02150.  
Those interested in reviewing the plan can access it online at [ChelseaElectricityChoice.com](http://ChelseaElectricityChoice.com), and a hard copy of the draft plan will be available from the Department of Public Works in Room 310 in Chelsea City Hall.  
Fidel Maltez  
COMMISSIONER  
11/19/20, 11/26/20



**CITY OF CHELSEA**  
**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**Request for Proposals**

Food boxes for Chelsea Public Schools  
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In accordance with our Minority Business Enterprise Plan, we are inviting all qualified women and minority business firms to respond.  
The City of Chelsea is an Equal Opportunity Employer. This Request for Proposals is in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 30B.  
Dylan Cook  
Chief Procurement Officer  
11/19/20



**CITY OF CHELSEA**  
**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**PUBLIC HEARING**  
All taxpayers are invited to attend a Public Hearing by the City Council in conjunction with the Board of Assessors on Monday, November 30th, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers, Chelsea City Hall, regarding the MINIMUM RESIDENTIAL FACTOR, CLASSIFICATION, AND THE RESIDENTIAL EXEMPTION and their effect on the Fiscal Year 2021 tax rates.  
Roy Avellaneda, President  
Chelsea City Council  
Jim Sullivan, Chairperson  
Board of Assessors.  
ALL CITIZENS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.  
11/19/20, 11/25/20

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
THE TRIAL COURT  
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT  
Suffolk Division  
INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION  
NOTICE


Docket No. SU20P0543EA  
Estate of: Robert J. Burke  
Date of Death: March 06, 2019  
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate by Petition of Petitioner Cynthia A. MacDonald of East Falmouth, MA.  
A Will has been admitted to informal probate. Cynthia A. MacDonald of East Falmouth, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.  
The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.  
11/19/20

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
THE TRIAL COURT  
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Suffolk Probate And Family Court  
24 New Chardon St.  
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(617)788-8300  
ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING  
Docket No. SU19D2092DR  
Carmen Lidia Torres vs. Edgar Geovanny Carreira Pineda  
11/19/20

Upon motion of plaintiff(s) for an order directing the defendant(s), to appear, plead, or answer, in accordance with Mass.R.Civ.P./Mass.R.Dom.Rel.P. Rule 4, it appearing to the court that this is an action for Divorce 1B. Pursuant to Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411, an Automatic Restraining Order has been entered against the above named parties. Defendant cannot be found within the Commonwealth and his/her present whereabouts are unknown. Personal service on defendant is therefore not practicable, and the defendant has not voluntarily appeared in this action.  
It is Ordered that defendant is directed to appear, plead, answer, or otherwise move with respect to the amended complaint herein on or before the return day of 12/17/2020.  
If you fail to do so this Court will proceed to a hearing and adjudication of this matter.  
Date: November 9, 2020  
Hon. Brian J. Dunn  
Justice of Probate and Family Court  
11/19/20


**LEGAL NOTICE**  
CHLSEA TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMISSION  
PUBLIC HEARING  
Notice is hereby given in accordance with Chapter 90 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and pursuant to Section 6-3 of the Charter of the City of Chelsea that a Public Hearing of the Chelsea Traffic and Parking Commission will be held on Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at 6:00 P.M. City Council Chambers City Hall, 500 Broadway Pursuant to Section 6-3 of the Charter of the City of Chelsea, the purpose of the public hearing is to receive comment regarding a request to convert metered parking spaces to a commercial loading zone in front of

306 Broadway.  
Per Order  
Chief Brian A. Kyes  
Chairperson  
11/19/20


**LEGAL NOTICE**  


NOTICE  
In accordance with Section 2-7 (b) and (d) of the Chelsea City Charter notice is hereby given that at a regular meeting of the Chelsea City Council held on November 2, 2020, the City Council voted after a second reading to adopt the following orders:  
Ordered, that the Chelsea City Council authorizes an increase of the Fiscal Year 2021 School Department original appropriation from \$96,513,407 to \$100,310,436 for a net increase of \$3,797,029 attributed to an increase in Fiscal Year 2021 Chapter 70 Aid.  
A copy of the order is available at the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 500 Broadway, Room 209, Chelsea, MA 02150.  
Jeannette Cintron White  
City Clerk  
11/19/20


All interested parties wishing to provide a public comment or to join the meeting must communicate with jdepriest@chelseama.gov. Name and address must be included in order to be read during the Public Speaking section of the meeting and email address in order to join the meeting. A copy of the proposed revisions is on file and available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk, Chelsea City Hall, 500 Broadway, during normal business hours.  
Tuck Willis  
Chair  
11/19/20, 11/26/20

**LEGAL NOTICE**  



CHLSEA PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING  
PROPOSED CHANGE: CHLSEA ZONING ORDINANCE/MAP  
The Chelsea Planning Board, in accordance with the Zoning Act, MGL Ch. 40A, Section 5, and Section 34-4 of the Zoning Ordinances of the City of Chelsea, will conduct a public hearing via WebEx video conference on Tuesday, December 15, 2020, at 6:00 P.M., to discuss the following proposed change to the Chelsea Zoning Ordinance/Map:  
• decrease the minimum lot size in the Residential 1 District;  
• decrease the minimum lot size and minimum useable open space in the Residential 2 District;  
• amend the Chelsea Zoning map to change the designation of parcels 20-47 (12 Essex Street), 20-48 (37 Congress Avenue), 20-49 (1 Ellsworth Street) 20-50 (115 Park Street), and 20-51 (105 Park Street) from the Residential 2 District to the Retail Business District;  
• amend the off-street parking section to allow residents of the Retail Business District to secure a Downtown Overnight Parking Sticker;  
• create a new Mixed Use Overlay District for the area bounded by Everett Avenue, the Everett city line, and MBTA railroad right-of-way;  
• create two new districts (Port District and Waterfront Upland District), delete the Waterfront Industrial Overlay District, revise the interpretation of district boundaries for lots split into two or more districts, change landscaping requirements, amend performance standards, establish a Waterfront Improvement Trust Fund, amend the Special Permit criteria, amend the site plan review applicability and approval, add new definitions, amend the table of dimensional regulations and the table of principal use regulations to include the new districts, and amend the Zoning Map to include the new districts; and  
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NOTICE OF HEARING  
Case No. 2020-18  
Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Massachusetts Zoning Act, Chapter 40A that a Regular Meeting of the Chelsea Zoning Board of Appeals will be held via Webex video conferencing on: Tuesday, December 8, 2020 6:00 p.m.  
With reference to the application of: Broadway Capital, Inc. For Special Permit and Variance to establish five (5) additional residential units by constructing an addition to the existing two (2) residential unit structure which does not meet the current minimum zoning requirements for side, rear and front yard setbacks, lot size, number of off-street parking spaces and parking aisle width and also exceeds floor area ratio and lot coverage, at the premises known as: 84-86 Blossom Street  
All interested parties wishing to provide a public comment or to join the meeting must communicate with jdepriest@chelseama.gov. Name and address must be included in order to be read during the Public Speaking section of the meeting and email address in order to join the meeting. A copy of the application and petition is available for review at: <https://www.chelseama.gov/zoning-board-appeals/pages/zba-cases-2020>  
11/19/20, 11/26/20

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PARCEL # ADDRESS  
80-15 280 Revere Beach Parkway  
80-16 10 Garfield Avenue  
80-79 8 Wesley Street  
80-80 10 Wesley Street  
80-81 20 Wesley Street  
80-82 324 Revere Beach Parkway  
80-85 5 Wesley Street  
80-91 22 Adams Street  
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CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Chelsea Curves construction look-ahead through November 28

This is a brief overview of construction operations and traffic impacts for the Tobin Bridge/Chelsea Curves Rehabilitation Project. MassDOT will provide additional notices as needed for high-impact work, temporary ramp and street closures, and changes to traffic configurations beyond those described below.

**ROUTE 1 TRAFFIC IMPACTS**

•**ROUTE 1 NORTH-BOUND:** Approaching

the Tobin Bridge from Boston, the work zone begins in the right lane. 2 of 3 travel lanes will be open during daytime hours (5 a.m.–10 p.m.).

•**ROUTE 1 SOUTH-BOUND:** Approaching the Chelsea Curves from the North Shore, the work zone begins in the right lane at the Carter Street off-ramp and continues through to the Tobin. 2 of 3 travel lanes will be open during daytime hours (5 a.m.–10 p.m.).

•**Drivers looking to exit Route 1 Southbound in Chelsea should use the Route 16 West exit towards Everett and take Revere Beach Parkway to Everett Avenue.**

**LOCAL STREET CLOSURES**

•**FIFTH STREET:** On Thursday November 19, and Friday November 20, Fifth street will be temporarily closed during the daytime (7 a.m. – 3 p.m.).

•**ARLINGTON STREET:** On Thursday November 19, and Friday, November 20 Arlington Street will be temporarily closed during the daytime (7 a.m. – 3 p.m.).

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**WORK HOURS**

•**Most work will occur during daytime working hours (7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.) on weekdays. Some work will take place on a 2nd shift (2 p.m. – 1 a.m.) and overnight hours (9 p.m. – 5 a.m.) and on Saturdays (7 a.m. – 7 p.m.).**

**DESCRIPTION OF**

**SCHEDULED WORK**

•**ROUTE 1 NORTH-BOUND:** Removal of existing bridge deck and installation of new bridge deck will continue through the Chelsea Curves.

•**ROUTE 1 SOUTH-BOUND:** Removal of existing bridge deck and installation of new bridge deck will continue through the Chelsea Curves.

**TRAVEL TIPS**

Drivers should take care to pay attention to all signage and move carefully through the work zone.

Police detail, lane markings, temporary barriers, traffic cones, signage, and other tools will be used to control traffic and create safe work zones.

The contractors are coordinating with local event organizers and police to provide awareness and manage traffic during events. For your awareness, there will be no events at the TD Garden during this look ahead schedule.

John Wilfride Nelson

A man of simple pleasures who most enjoyed any gathering involving his family

Jean Wilfride Nelson, 87, passed suddenly on Sunday, November 15.

A native of Haiti, son of the late Charles Nelson and Ismaelite Valentin, he received his formal education in Haiti.

As a young man, he served in the Haitian Army. Returning to civilian life, he continued the lessons of order and discipline he gained in the service. He married his beloved Marie Anne (Moreau) raising a family of seven in Haiti and he supported his family working for 28 years as a truck driver. He came to Chelsea from Haiti in 1986 and has lived here for the past 34 years.

Juliette Castor of Gardner, Simone Magaly Nelson of Lynn, Wiener Nelson of Fitchburg, Wilfrid Nelson Jr. and his wife Nancy of Georgia and Angelo Nelson and his wife, Margorie of Connecticut; cherished grandfather of Valerie Castor, Lisberth Nelson and her fiancé, John Peterson Vemette, Beverly Anne Wooten, Cynthia Nelson, Christian Nelson, Kimberly Anne Nelson, Christie Anne Nelson, Emilie Anne Nelson, Giovany Nelson and Jacob Nelson; adored great grandfather of Andrew Long, Andrew Smith Florestal, Mei Ling Long, Anailah Wooten, Caleb Kilomo, and Johnyah Simone Vemette.

Visiting hours will be held from the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea on Friday, November 20 from 4 to 7 p.m. Relatives and friends are most kindly invited to attend. All attendees are required to wear face coverings, practice social distancing when greeting the family, pay their respects and exit the funeral home to allow other guests to enter.

His Funeral will be held from the Welsh Funeral Home on Saturday November, 21 at 9 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass at Our Lady of Grace Church, 59 Nichols St., Chelsea at 10 a.m. Services will conclude with interment at Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

Ample parking opposite funeral home.

We encourage family and friends who wish, to offer condolences at this time by means of the online guest book, to send a personalized sympathy card visit or see more information visit: [www.WelshFH.com](http://www.WelshFH.com).

Charles DeMattia Sr.

Well-known musician

Charles DeMattia Sr. of Revere passed away at the age of 92 on November 4.

Born in Medford on August 29, 1928 to the late Michael and Marina

(Potito), he was the beloved husband of the late Rita (Insani), devoted father of Charlene McDonald of Salem, Judith Melanson, David DeMattia, and Robert DeMattia, all of Revere and the late Charles DeMattia Jr.; cherished grandfather of Courtney McDonald, Krystal Vacketta, Lauren Melanson and Amanda, Stacey, Rachel, Jonathan and Jennifer DeMattia; dear brother of Jody Caruso of Maine and the late Michael DeMattia, Helen Carvotta, George DeMattia, Clara DiCarlo, Arthur DeMattia and John DeMattia. He is also survived by his former son-in-law Vincent “Jimmy” Melanson and many loving nieces and nephews. Charlie, as he was known, proudly served his country in the United States Navy during WWII. He studied electronics, and during the early days of television,



owned a TV repair shop in Everett. He later worked at the Charlestown Navy Yard. Then, at Raytheon, for the Department of Defense in Quality Control. Charlie came from a family of musicians and played the clarinet and saxophone. He performed at many weddings and social gatherings with his brother, Mike. Charlie was a devoted Catholic and member of the St. Mary’s Holy Name Society.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all services were privately held for the immediate family. Interment Woodlawn Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the National Kidney Foundation, 30 East 33 rd St, New York, NY 10016 or at [kidney.org](http://kidney.org). For guest book, please visit [www.buonfiglio.com](http://www.buonfiglio.com).

Donna Marie Fiander

Mass Department of Transitional Assistance Retiree

Donna Marie Fiander of Woburn, formerly of Chelsea, died on November 13 after a valiant battle with cancer.

Born in Chelsea 64 years ago and a resident for most of her life, she graduated from Chelsea Schools and first worked for J.B. Sash on Second Street as a receptionist for many years before working for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Transitional Assistance at their Malden office, working for over nine years until earlier this year when her health issues forced retirement.

The devoted daughter of the late Alton V. and Marie A. (Flynn) Fiander, she was the beloved sister of Kathy Paradis and her husband, Kevin of Revere and the late Jack Fiander, long time companion of James Guckert of Woburn, loving aunt of Richard Fiander of Taunton and John Paradis of Revere and great aunt of Richard, Matthew, Jacob and Amiyah. She is also lovingly survived



by her aunt, Carol Kenny and her husband, David of Plymouth. She also leaves her beloved feline friends, Gigi and Rusty.

With concern for family and friends during the Covid-19 Pandemic, the family will have private services concluding with interment at Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

For those who wish to acknowledge her passing, memorial contributions may be made to the MSPCA, 350 South Huntington Ave., Boston, MA or to the MGH Cancer Center, Yawkey Building, Boston, MA.

To leave a message of condolence for the family, please visit [www.smithfuneralhomes.com](http://www.smithfuneralhomes.com).

Antonio Ruiz

Enjoyed quiet time at home and family

Antonio Ruiz, 54, passed away on Monday, November 9 after living courageously with ongoing illnesses.

Born and raised in San Jacinto El Salvador, he was a son of Pablo Ruiz and Dionisa Alfaro. He married his childhood love, Maribel Rivas and settled in Chelsea 33 years ago and together they raised their daughter, Jessica.

Antonio supported his family working for a commercial cleaner providing environmental and house-keeping services. In his lifetime, Antonio most enjoyed quiet time at home with his family and was a fan of Animal Planet and Discovery Channel programs.

He was the beloved husband of 34 years to Maribel Rivas of Chelsea, devoted father of Jessica Ruiz of Everett, loving son of the late Pablo Ruiz and Dionisa Alfaro and dear brother of Aramis Ruiz and Elsa Ruiz, both of Chelsea. He is also survived by many extended family members and friends.

Relatives and friends are kindly invited to gather at the Welsh Funeral



Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea today, Thursday November 19 from 4 to 7 p.m. A prayer service honoring Antonio will be held during the visitation. Family and friends will gather again at the funeral home on Friday at 10 a.m. for a funeral procession to Woodlawn Cemetery for Committal services.

All attendees are required to wear face coverings, practice social distancing when greeting the family, pay their respects and exit the funeral home to allow other guests to enter.

We encourage family and friends who wish, to offer condolences at this time by means of the online guest book or to send a personalized sympathy card visit; [www.WelshFuneralHome.com](http://www.WelshFuneralHome.com).

Domenic Crespo

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My dearest love, I miss you, much more than these words can tell. I ask the lord each morning, to keep you both safe and well.

Through the day, you are in my thoughts regardless of what I do, and when I lay down to sleep, you are my every dream, too.

Truly, God shall hold you close, very close to His own heart, and my hand is holding yours, Yes, no matter where you are.

Loving and Always Missin You Mom, Maria

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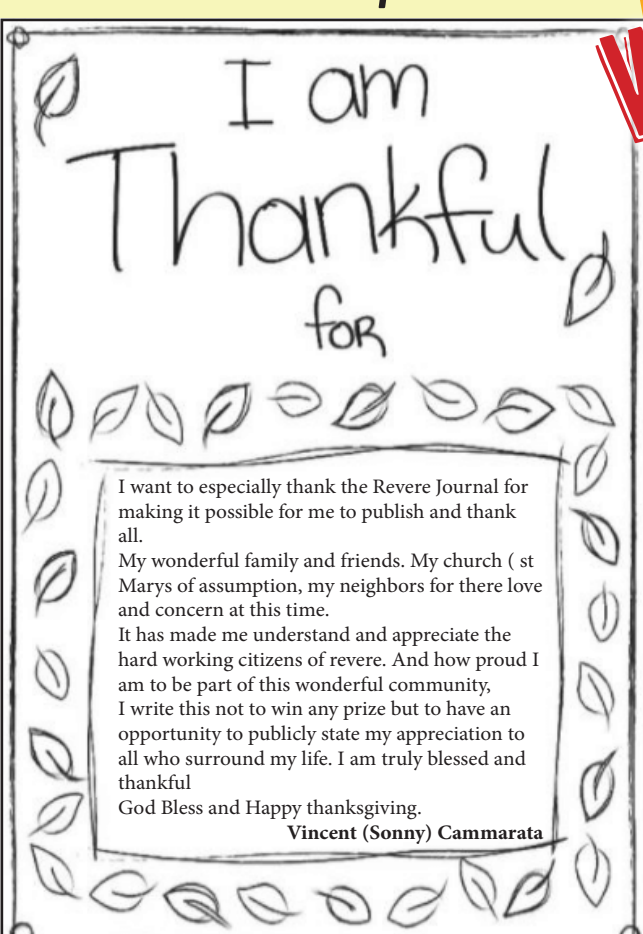
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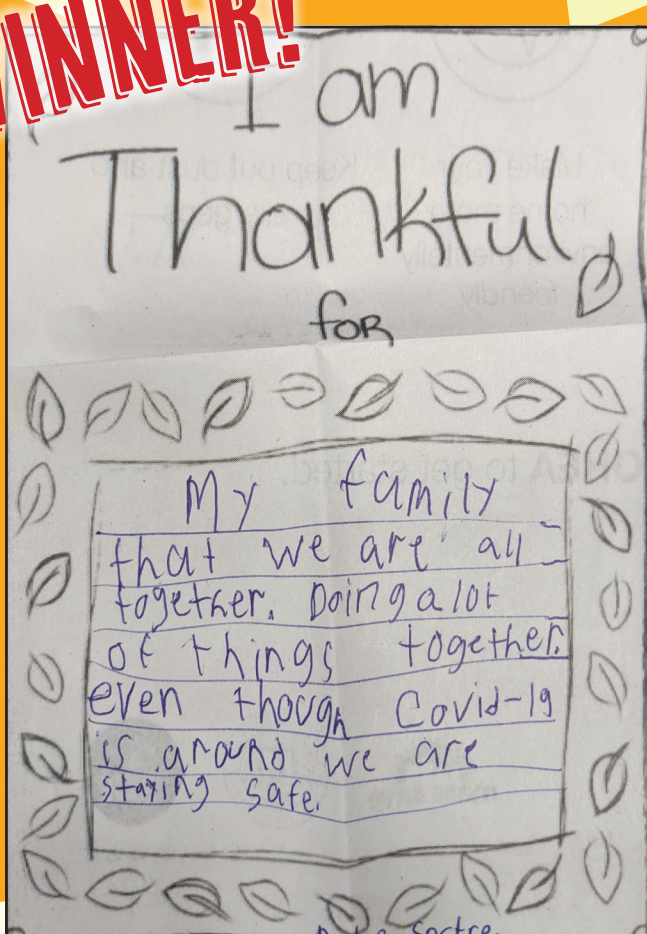
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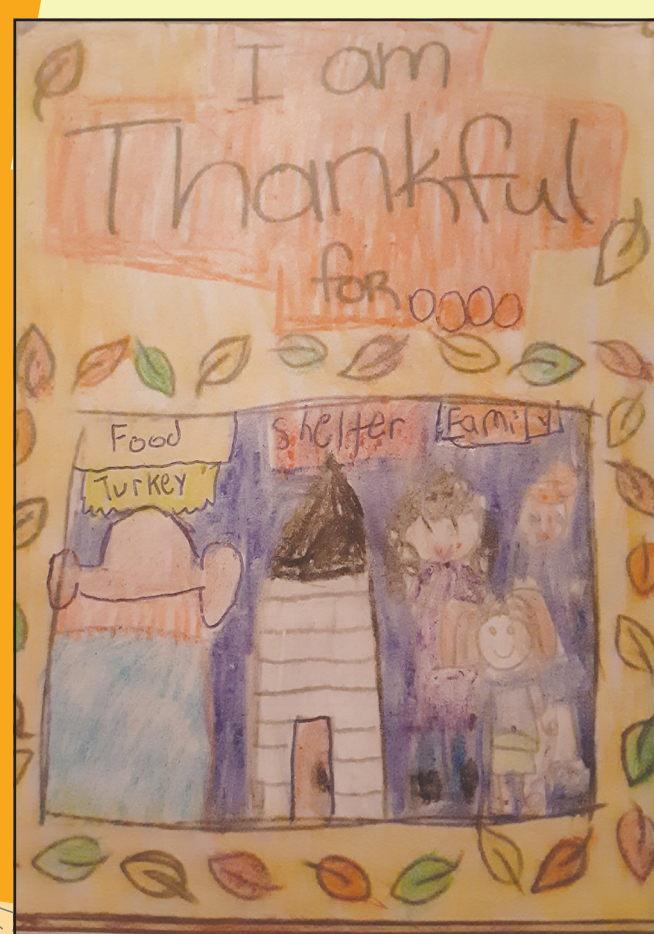
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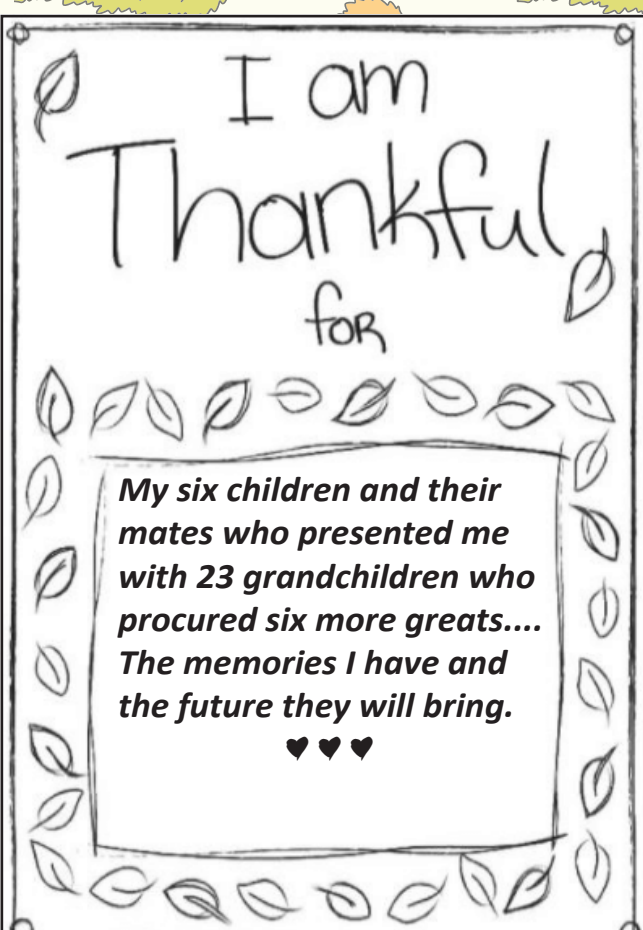
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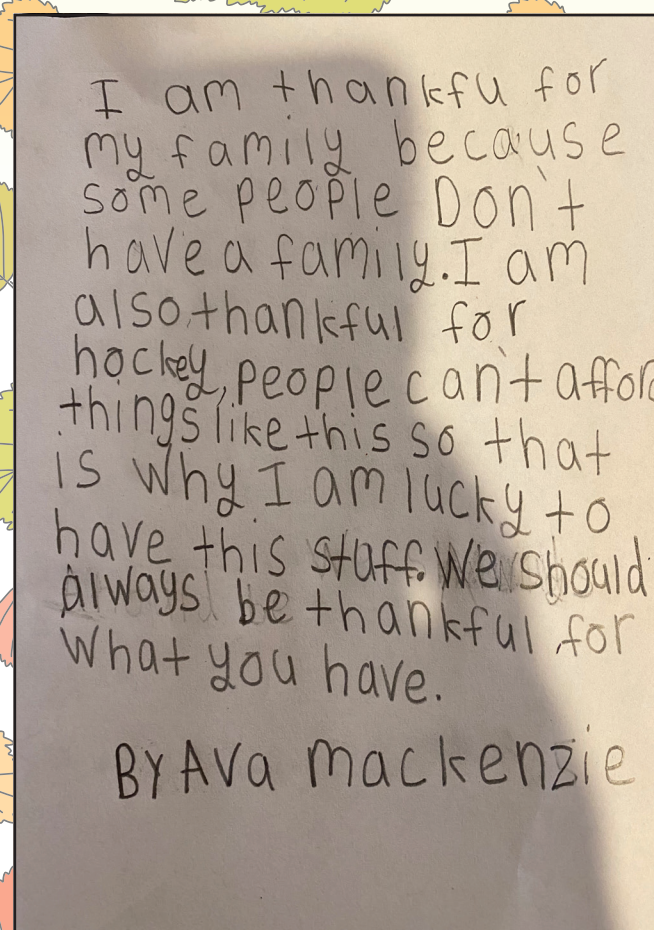
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